GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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LABOURERS IN MINING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the provision enforced by the Government with regard to providing medical facilities to mine workers in the country;

(b) the number of labourers engaged in mining including those mine workers from Bharatpur district belonging to the unorganised sector covered under the said provision; and

(c) the other welfare measures of the Government including medical assistance provided to the mine workers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a): The following provisions regarding medical facilities to mine workers are being enforced under the Mines Act 1952 and Rules framed thereunder:-

(i) Rule 29B of the Mines Rules, 1955:

Initial and Periodical Medical Examination of workers employed or to be employed in mines.

(ii) Rules 29(N), 29 (O) and 82 of the Mines Rules, 1955 & Section 9A of Mines Act 1952:

Expenditure, treatment including compensation in case of detection of occupational diseases to be borne by the company.

(iii) Section 25 of Mines Act, 1952: Notice of certain diseases

(iv) Provisions of First- Aid and Medical appliances under the Mines Rules, 1955:

Rule 40 : Arrangements for training persons in first-aid etc.

Rule 42 : First-aid personnel.

Rule 43 : First-aid rooms.

Rule 44 : First-aid station.

(v) Rule 45A : Medical attention in case of injury.

(b): As per the records available with Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), the total number of labourers engaged in mining including those in Bharatpur District, (as per Mines Act, 1952) as on 31.12.2009, is given below:-

Mineral Total Employment

COAL 373950

NON-COAL 160127

OIL 24883

TOTAL 558960

(c): The following provisions exist under the Mines Act, 1952 and Rules made thereunder in respect of welfare measures to be provided to mine workers.

Rules 30-32 : Cool and wholesome drinking water

Rules 33-37 : Surface and Underground latrines & Urinals-

Rule 62 : Rest shelters

Rule 64 : Canteen.